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Increase in Railway Services
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased rail services in view of increasing number of passengers on the occasion of important festivals on each railway route particularly of Jharkhand and Bihar;
(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to stick to time-table of trains and passenger amenities so that it may increase railway revenue and passenger amenities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. With a view to clear the rush of passengers on different railway routes and during important festivals like Chhath, Holi, Diwali etc. Railways run special trains and also augment capacity on the existing scheduled services subject to operational feasibility and resource availability. However, a compendium of special trains on State-wise basis is not maintained.

(c) & (d): Railways continuously monitor the punctuality of passenger trains at the Divisional, Zonal and Board levels. Some of the factors that impact punctual running of trains are capacity constraints on saturated routes, asset failures, alarm chain pulling, agitations, cattle run over, bad weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Based on assessments of factors impeding punctual running of trains, remedial measures, both short term and long term, are initiated. High priority is being accorded to making resources available for speedy execution of critical capacity augmentation as these on completion would facilitate, inter alia, improved efficiency and reliability in train operations.
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